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**To:** Chief Academic Officers and Provosts

**From:** Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network

**Date:** April 13, 2022

**Subject:** Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guide (ITAG): Information Technology: Security+ (CompTIA Security+)

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I am pleased to announce the Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guide (ITAG) for CompTIA Security+. The CompTIA Security+ ITAG allows students passing the CompTIA Security+ SYO-601 Certification exam to transfer 3 credit hours to a two- or four-year Ohio public institution of higher education towards a course covering the content of CompTIA Security+, regardless of where the student received the education.

**This memo provides an overview of the ITAG initiative, the CompTIA Security+ ITAG endorsement process and addresses expected compliance of postsecondary institutions.**

### **Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs)**

The Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guide (ITAG) is a statewide transfer initiative that guarantees the award of college-level credit to students earning agreed-upon industry-recognized credentials. The ITAG initiative was instituted by the Chancellor in February 2021. Students meeting credentialing requirements, regardless of where the learning was achieved, will be eligible to earn credit for specified courses deemed equivalent by faculty and endorsed by Ohio's public institutions of higher education. To reduce variability in the transfer credit evaluation and application process, a set of college level learning outcomes will be established for each ITAG. The set of learning outcomes, which will be aligned with applicable third-party program accreditation, credentialing, and/or other industry standards, will be vetted by faculty and industry as needed.

### **CompTIA Security+ ITAG Endorsement**

All ITAG panels are comprised of postsecondary faculty, industry representatives (as needed), and educators from either Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) and/or Secondary Career-Technical Centers. All panel members are listed on the last page of the attached ITAG document. The Information Technology: Security (CompTIA Security+) course is part of the existing CTAG in Information Technology and allows students completing approved programs at secondary institutions and OTCs to earn college credit. CompTIA Security+ SYO-601 Certificate.

An endorsement survey was sent to the Chief Academic Officers and Provosts of all 36 Ohio institutions of higher learning in March 2022. Based on the results of the survey, the ITAG panel recommended to ODHE that the CompTIA Security+ ITAG be approved.



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### **CompTIA Security+ ITAG**

The approved CompTIA Security+ ITAG (ITITS015) allows a student passing the CompTIA Security+ SYO-601 exam to transfer 3 credit hours to a two- or four-year Ohio public institution of higher education towards a course covering the content of CompTIA Security+, regardless of where the student received the education. More information on requirements for credit can be found in the attached ITAG document.

### **Compliance Expectations**

The Information Technology: Security (CompTIA Security+) ITAG shares a common set of learning outcomes with the CompTIA Security+ CTAG course (CTIT015), and institutions should continue to submit courses in CEMS through the CTAG approval process. Expected compliance for the Information Technology CTAG can be viewed using the following link:

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2/compliance-implementation>

All approved courses for the CompTIA Security+ CTAG (CTIT015) will automatically be approved for the ITAG. Institutions with current approval for CTIT015 do not need to request this ITAG approval.

For questions about course equivalency and institutional compliance expectations for the CompTIA Security+ ITAG, please contact Nikki Wearly, ODHE Director of Career-Technical Education Transfer Initiatives, at [NWearly@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:NWearly@highered.ohio.gov).